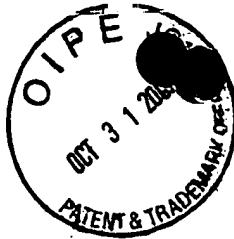


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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 31, 2002**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2002, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until October 31, 2002.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to the expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response, whereby an extension of time should not be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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